

1 Sam 5:1-4

Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the temple of Dagon and set it by Dagon. And when the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and set it in its place again. And when they arose early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. The head of Dagon and both the palms of its hands were broken off on the threshold; only Dagon's torso was left of it.

Today's devotional verses are really kind of funny if you think about it. Here are the Philistines with their false god, and they bring in the ark of God into this false god's temple and set it next to their god. The next morning they wake up and go to their temple, and there is their god on its face before the TRUE GOD. But they don't get it, and they pick up their god and leave again.

So, the next morning when they come back, not only is their god on its face, but both its hands and its head were broken off. Could they not get it the first time? After all who wants a god that they have to pick up when it falls.

On the other hand, our God picks us up when we fall. God even showed them by breaking off the head that it has no mind and cannot think for itself or hands that it can do anything. It was dependent on man's strength and hands for it to even be moved.

But how many times do we worship these same types of gods, like money or possessions that have no mind of its own, nor hands that it can help us when we fall? When we put our money and possessions next to the TRUE GOD of heaven and earth, we find this out. Yet we go right back to depending on everything else but God again, until we are at the last resort, then we have no other choice but to turn to God.

Who really wants a god that you have to put in your back pocket, or purse or lock up in a bank to protect it from others?

I don't, what about you?

† **Psalm 146:3** *Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.*

† **Psalm 5:11** *But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.*